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Human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions and decisions on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[1]

Recalling also relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolutions 66/288 of 27 July 2012, entitled "The future we want", and 67/216 of 21 December 2012 and 68/239 of 27 December 2013, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)",

Acknowledging the work of UN-Habitat towards attaining sustainable urban development and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda as well as other relevant mandates and internationally agreed goals and targets,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;[2]

2. *Also takes note* of the focus of the first ever integration segment of the Economic and Social Council on sustainable urbanization, held from 27 to 29 May 2014, and its key messages regarding the transformational power of sustainable cities and human settlements to advance sustainable development, which can be achieved only by addressing and incorporating all the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and their interlinkages and applying a holistic approach to sustainable urbanization, city development and human settlements, with a longer-term vision and integrated approach;

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* E/2014/1/Rev.1, annex II.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] E/2014/64.

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3. *Encourages* Governments to give appropriate consideration to the role of urbanization and human settlements in sustainable development in their national development plans in order to ensure coordinated implementation of different sectoral policies within cities and human settlements in general and to formulate and implement urban planning policies;

4. *Reiterates* its invitation to Governments to further promote sustainable urbanization and the role of local authorities and to consider the environmentally sustainable, socially inclusive and economically productive roles of cities and human settlements in the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of UN-Habitat under review so as to enhance its effectiveness in supporting national policies, strategies and plans in attaining sustainable urban and human settlements;

6. *Invites* the international donor community and financial institutions to contribute generously to UN-Habitat through increased voluntary financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and invites Governments in a position to do so and other stakeholders to provide predictable multi-year funding and increased non-earmarked contributions;

7. *Encourages* Governments to accelerate their preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), including national reports assessing the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and other relevant internationally agreed goals and targets and identifying future policy directions for inclusion in a "New Urban Agenda";

8. *Affirms* Governing Council of UN-Habitat resolution 24/14 of 19 April 2013 on the inputs and support required for the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) to be met by regular budget and voluntary contributions, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to seek voluntary support for this purpose and calls upon Member States to provide such support;

9. *Welcomes* the offer by the Government of Ecuador to host the conference in Quito in 2016;

10. *Encourages* the international community, financial institutions, the private sector, foundations and Member States in a position to do so to provide financial support for Habitat III, including for the preparatory process, through voluntary contributions to the Habitat III trust fund;

11. *Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-ninth session the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;[2]

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council for consideration at its substantive session of 2015 a report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda.